*A.*—(*a*) 1,073 and 40 respectively.

(*b*)

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| Brahmans ... ... ... ... ... | 8 |
| Muhammadans ... ... ... ... ... | 6 |
| Vannikula-Kshatriyas ... ... ... ... | Nil. |
| Depressed classes ... ... ... ... | 3 |

(*c*) One.

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar :—" May I ask why no member of the backward classes was selected? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan :—" The Public Services Commission must be asked about that."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed :—" Why was the only candidate from the Vannikula-Kshatriya community who applied, not selected? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan :—" Probably he was not up to the mark."

*Proposal to start an institute in Madras to prepare anti-rinderpest serum.*

* 299 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether Government have decided to start their own institute in Madras for making anti-rinderpest serum and, if so, when the institute will begin to work and what amount will be sanctioned for it?

*A.*—Yes. It is expected that manufacture will commence in April next. The details of the scheme are under the consideration of Government.

**Weights and Measures**

*Standardization of weights and measures.*

* 300 *Q.*—Mr. M. D. T. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) what measures the Government have adopted for a uniform standardized system of weights and measures in this Presidency;

(*b*) whether Chambers of Commerce, the Departments of Industries and Agriculture and the public have been consulted regarding any specific scheme;

(*c*) whether the railways and large public corporations and organizations have agreed to give speedy trial and advertisement for the standardized units of weights and measures;

(*d*) whether the Government intend providing every village and fair, market or public business place with a set of standardized weights and measures for ease of comparison and verification in charge of a local official; and

(*e*) by what year do the Government intend enforcing the standardized system of weights and measures for the whole of the Presidency?

*A.*—(*a*) A Bill to provide for standards of weights and measures for use in this Presidency has been prepared and is under scrutiny.

(*b*) The above Bill will be published soon for public criticism.

(*c*) They have not been consulted so far, but as the provisions of the proposed Bill are compulsory and not optional, the question of the railways and other organizations agreeing to the standards of weights does not arise.

(*d*) It is proposed to keep standard weights and measures in the district or such portion thereof, as the case may be, at such places as may be convenient for public inspection and to provide for their maintenance in an efficient condition and for their periodical verification.

(*e*) Provision has been made in the Bill to bring the Act into force in the several districts or portions thereof on such dates as may be notified by the Government. It is hoped that the Bill may be enforced throughout the Presidency without any great lapse of time after it has been passed into law.

## Education

*Admission of failed F.L. students to the B.L. course in the Madras Law College.*

* 301 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Academic Council has approved of the admission of failed F.L. students to the B.L. course in the Madras Law College;

(*b*) whether the Law College Council has considered this question and come to any decision; and

(*c*) whether the Government have found out how much revenue the Madras Law College is annually losing on account of such students going to Trivandrum to complete their course in the Law College there?

*A.*—(*a*) & (*b*) The regulations of the University of Madras do not prevent students who fail in the F.L. examination from undergoing the B.L. course. Rule 13 of the rules relating to the working of the Madras Law College does, however, provide that students who have passed the First examination in Law shall be prepared for the B.L. degree examination. A proposal for amending this rule so as to permit candidates who fail in the F.L. examination to study for the B.L. course in the college was considered by the College Council in 1929 and rejected by it.

(*c*) No.